

BUYS "MONEY MACHINE" FOR \$240; IT FAILS HIM

Richest Man in Alpha, N. J., Tricked by Smooth Stranger

SAW IT MAKE DOLLARS

It Coined Them Before Sale, but Afterward Wouldn't Produce a Dime

How the residents of the little North Jersey hamlet of Alpha were entranced for hours by the operation of a wonderful little "money-making" machine, which coined out dollars, half dollars and quarters with the precision with which a mill grinds out grain, was revealed today at a conference in the office of Matthew Griffin, in the office of Matthew Griffin, in the United States secret service, Alpha is in Warren County, just across the Delaware from Easton, Pa.

WAS TRICKED AND TAYLOR

But it is well said that there is no cloud without a silver lining, for the stigma of predatory wealth has been removed from Alpha—that is, the one capitalist of the hamlet is financially longer. Also the handy little money-maker gave opportunity for one individual to bank for a time in the violet rays of pleasing infidelity. This man is the hero of our story—Carl Zeit, chief of police, mayor, coroner and barber of Alpha. This little man who has in custody the morals and whiskers of the town, set in motion the governmental machinery which proved beyond peradventure that the handy little money-maker was just an ordinary cracker box, painted black, and equipped with a motor, which was a few coils of wire. This Zeit says established by a process of deduction after removing the cover of the "money-maker" and exposing its interior.

GETS INTRODUCED

"Why, my dear sir," gurgled Mrs. Brown, "Alpha's wealthy citizens are right here with me. He has \$240 in the bank. I will introduce you to Charles Sidova at dinner time."

The introduction took place, and the stranger, as a starting point, said: "I am going to give you an opportunity of your life to become wealthy. I have a machine that makes money as fast as you desire. You can give up your job and go right at home. In three months you will find it a very handy little domestic device."

The stranger gave a demonstration of the machine in the dining room, which was witnessed by many of the Alphaites. They opened their mouths with amazement when they saw De Distovoni pour some hot metal into a little hole in the black box and then turn a crank. Immediately a silver dollar came out of a little opening and passed on, its place being taken by another bright new dollar. The spectators gasped; everybody wanted to try the machine. There was some heated bidding, but Sidova said he would not even turn out a quarter. He complained to Chief of Police Zeit, who took enough time off from trimming the whiskers of the oldest inhabitant to compose a letter to Chief Flynn, of the United States Secret Service at Washington. Flynn invited Matthew Griffin, and the latter journeyed to Alpha and brought back the box. Examination of the box revealed the "dollars" which kept appearing in the little opening after the metal was poured were just one dollar, fixed on a wire contrivance which failed to appear intermittently at the hole.

RACE STREET FRIENDS IN ANNUAL MEETING

Sessions, Which Begin Today, Promise to Be of Un-usual Interest

The annual gathering of the Philadelphia yearly meeting of Friends at Fifteenth and Race streets promises to be of exceptional interest this year. It will be held upon, first, to reaffirm their testimony concerning peace and war, and, second, to consider how they can best help the world in their need.

This morning the yearly meeting of ministers and elders convened in the Race Street Meeting House.

At 3 o'clock there will be a conference under direction of the executive committee to discuss the different phases of Christian patriotism.

At 7:45 p. m. the William Penn lecture will be delivered in the Race Street Meeting House. Subject, "The Christian Patriot," by the Rev. Norman M. Thomas, of New York.

Tomorrow, at 10:30 a. m., there will be meetings for worship in Race Street and Cherry Street meeting rooms, and, if necessary, an overflow meeting in the Central School lecture room.

At 3 p. m. the First-Day School's annual meeting will be held, when Elizabeth Russell will speak on "The Value of Religious Education." This will be followed by a young people's devotional singing at 4:15.

The business of the meeting will begin on Monday morning and afternoon sessions will be continued the four following days.

There will be three mid-day conferences in the school lecture room at 1:30, as follows: Tuesday, "Better Organization for Social Service," addressed by Louis N. Robinson; Wednesday, "The Friends' Neighborhood Guild—Making Americans," by Louise M. Lawton; Thursday, "Work Among the Colored People in the South," by Mary H. Whitson.

WILLIAMSON'S ALLEGED DEFALCATION REDUCED

State Banking Department Now Estimates Losses at Less Than \$500,000

The extent of the loss in the defalcations charged against Jesse Williamson, 24, former secretary of the Pennsylvania Company for Insurances on Lives and Granting Annuities, was called today, although the figure will be well under \$500,000. The first estimate by the State Banking Department that more than \$620,000 was missing has been changed by the department to "something less than \$500,000," and of this much is covered by the company which bonded Williamson while he was secretary.

RED CROSS MEMORIAL BUILDING DEDICATED

President Wilson, Ex-President Taft and Other Dignitaries Participate in Ceremony

WASHINGTON, May 12.—Ceremonies participated in by the President, ex-President Taft, Secretary of War Baker and other dignitaries marked the dedication of the Red Cross Memorial Building in the city today. The building was dedicated by the American Red Cross this afternoon. The exercises were held by the sinner touch of war that made them doubly impressive. The daughters of the American Revolution Continental Memorial Hall was the scene of the ceremony, because of its greater seating capacity, and at the close of the exercises 1000 women members of the women's volunteer aid corps of the Red Cross, commanded by Mrs. Hugh J. Scott, were the orators, speaking respectively for the women of the South and of the North.

The building was dedicated as "a memorial to the patriotic citizens of the women of the North and the women of the South, field in loving memory of a now united country, that their labors to mitigate the sufferings of the sick and wounded in war may be perpetuated."

PLANS ANNUAL DINNER FOR LEADERS IN MUSIC

Philadelphia Teachers' Association to Hold Sixth Event May 22

Many musicians of prominence will attend the sixth annual dinner of the Philadelphia Teachers' Association, which will be held in the gold room of the Hotel Adelphi on May 22.

In the purpose of the dinners given by the organization to bring together music workers of the city and also the who have achieved in other fields of endeavor. The association, which includes almost every teacher of distinction in Philadelphia, was founded in 1891 by Theodore Presser.

The guests of honor at the dinner will include John Philip Sousa, Mrs. Cornelius Stevenson, Mrs. Edward MacDowell, Mrs. A. J. Ochsner, Percy Grainger, Louis Lohb, William Henry Furness and Dr. Arthur Holson Quinn. The officers of the association are, president, James Francis Cooke; vice-presidents, Horatio Connell and Mrs. Frank H. Brown; secretary, Henry S. Fry.

WILL GIVE LIBERTY BONDS AS AWARDS AT FAIRS

Allentown Association to Co-operate With Government in Placing Loan. Reading Also in Line

ALLENTOWN, Pa., May 12.—The great Allentown fair will this year award all the premiums possible in Liberty Loan bonds, according to Dr. Victor H. Wicard, president of the fair. "I understand the Treasury Department at Washington is endeavoring to have fair award premiums in this manner, and the great Allentown fair will be in line."

In premiums and purses last fall the Allentown fair awarded upward of \$20,000. The organization showed its patriotism in a marked manner when it donated the fairgrounds and offered the grounds, buildings and property as a camp site free of charge.

READING, Pa., May 12.—Secretary D. J. McPhermott, of the Reading Fair Association, thinks favorably of the United States Treasury Department plan to have fair associations give Liberty Loan bonds as premiums and prizes. The plan will likely be adopted later by the local fair premium committee.

MAN MOVING MOTORCAR IS KILLED BY TROLLEY

Quaker City Garage Employee Struck as He Rushes Automobile Toward Tank

Three girls and two men in a touring car stopped in front of the Quaker City garage, at 442 North Eighth street, for gasoline early today. Frank Fisher, of 1553 Linden street, stepped down to see that the gasoline was run in without trouble.

The car was too far off for the hose carrying gasoline to reach it. While an attempt to back up was being made the automobile went the wrong way and when Fisher started to help move it a south-bound Eighth street car crushed him against the rear of the machine and killed him.

Fisher was taken to the Hahnemann Hospital and pronounced dead while police of the Eighth and Buttonwood streets station arrested a trolley crew. A Sawyer, of 3204 North Fifth street, and J. K. Walker, of 2067 Helgrade street. They will have a hearing today. Sawyer was held without bail pending action of the coroner.

The police also took the names of the three girls who were in the automobile. They were Ethel Kelly, May Fletcher and Eleanor Pletcher, all of 121 Florist street.

CITY MAKES CONTRACTS FOR WIRING AT BYBERRY

Awards for \$389,627 Conditioned Upon Arrangements for Building of Dormitories

Continuing upon securing a proposal for the construction of four dormitories for insane at Byberry, Director Krusen, of the Department of Health and Charities, today awarded contracts for electrical work, plumbing and a mechanical plant that will cost the city \$389,627.

At the same time the Director advertised for proposals for construction along with Joseph H. Paschall, a fruit and dairy farmer living near Chester Heights, Delaware County, at a conference held last night at the City Club, 315 South Broad street.

Representatives of the State strange of nearby counties met with members of the agricultural service committee of the school mobilization division of the Home Defense Committee. Prof. J. Russell Smith, of the University of Pennsylvania, is chairman.

FINDS CITY BOYS APT IN WORK ON FARMS

Joseph H. Paschall, Delaware County Farmer, Speaks at City Club Meeting

The value of town and city boys to farmers for practical help in summer was pointed out by Joseph H. Paschall, a fruit and dairy farmer living near Chester Heights, Delaware County, at a conference held last night at the City Club, 315 South Broad street.

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Mr. Paschall, in talking over personal experiences with city boys during recent years. He had tried more than fifteen boys for help on his farm in vacation time, and has obtained satisfactory service from virtually all of them.

"I had always thought the town boys would be absolutely too good for practical farm work. I had thought they would be frivolous and need more watching than they would be worth. One year the mother of a town boy came to take him for the summer, but I refused."

"A few days after that the boy himself appeared and asked for work. I was pleased to have him. He took him, he was thoroughly satisfactory, and I had to apologize to his mother for refusing her first plea."

"Since then I have made a practice of using these boys between the ages of sixteen and twenty years. Every summer I have had several. I think that during the present world food crisis this class of boys could be used to great advantage by the farmers."

"The attitude of farmers generally I fear is the same as mine before I learned how to handle the town boys. But they are, in fact, more intelligent and willing than they are given credit for. They are well-behaved, industrious and clean, and soon learn with a very little patient teaching. There may be a few failures occasionally, but in my experience the use of these boys is just what is good for both the farmers and the boys."

"The problem in the present situation is to bring the farmer and the boy together. It is not a matter of money, but of service; when he once learns the value of the service he will seek it himself."

Other farmers attending the conference expressed similar views regarding city school boys and their value to the farmer. The chief difficulty in using their labor, they say, is one of locating the boy with the farmer; the farmer must be shown the boy's worth, and given the right agency from which to obtain him.

Arrangements were made to obtain the services of local boards of trade and agricultural associations in the various towns and counties of the Philadelphia region. Members of the committee, and a number of hundreds of sturdy boys available and willing for the farm work, but a field force for placing them would be necessary.

FIRST PARALYSIS CASE OF SEASON REPORTED

Landsdowne Child Stricken With Disease—Sent to Hospital in This City

The first case of infantile paralysis for the season has been reported. The victim is two-year-old Alexander Kerr, of 54 Union avenue, Landsdowne.

Physicians who examined the child have reported to the Children's Homeopathic Hospital. The Bureau of Health was notified and sent an inspector who confirmed the diagnosis. The child has been sent to the Philadelphia Hospital for Contagious Diseases.

It had been noticed that the child had been ailing for some time. He did not eat well and began to have difficulty in raising his arms. Dr. A. Cairns, chief medical inspector of the Bureau of Health, said that he did not know how far the case has progressed, but that the symptoms usually were recognizable.

Doctor Cairns explained that there have been several cases reported since the first of the year, but that as near as he could remember none had resulted in death.

There is a mild case at the Philadelphia Hospital for Contagious Diseases. The victim is Ernest Pasco, a child, of 1120 Hall street.

There were 259 victims of infantile paralysis in this city last summer, mostly children, while more than 1000 children are crippled as a result of the epidemic.

BLACKBIRDS FLOOD WAYNE, PA.

Residents Plan Raid on Pests With Roman Candles at Night

Wayne residents with roman candles as artillery are preparing to attack an army of blackbirds which continually infest that section. All that has been laid for the attack is the night; the rest of the enemy are known. All that is needed is the word to fire but, said to say, that must be given by the game warden.

The campaign is being taken by the Wayne Public Safety Association, and a number of members have planned the trip will begin next Monday, starting from Harrisburg. It will take in Allentown, Wilkes-Barre, Scranton, Reading and other cities. W. W. Koch, of this city, is president of the association.

Clothiers Will Tour State. READING, Pa., May 12.—Directors of the State Clothiers' Association have decided to tour eastern Pennsylvania clothing stores. The trip will begin next Monday, starting from Harrisburg. It will take in Allentown, Wilkes-Barre, Scranton, Reading and other cities. W. W. Koch, of this city, is president of the association.

CHARITY BOARD DENIES BREWERS' STATISTICS

Declares Advertisement Misrepresents Facts on Ravages of Alcoholism

DRINK CAUSES POVERTY. Contends That Society's Work Covers Many Cases Where Liquor Is to Blame for Conditions

An advertisement of the Pennsylvania State Brewers' Association in the Pittsburgh Sun, which purports to give figures from the last annual report of the Society for Organizing Charity, is declared by the latter to misrepresent the facts concerning the society's records generally.

In a letter to the brewers' association the charity organization has requested that in view of the facts the advertisement be discontinued. The society's letter to the association follows:

"The Society for Organizing Charity has had brought to its attention your advertisement in the Pittsburgh Sun under the caption, 'Sickness causes more poverty than all other causes combined.' Your advertisement purports to quote figures from the last annual report of the Society for Organizing Charity and states that this report showed more than 20,000 persons assisted last year with only 918 found to want through excessive drink, about 3 per cent."

"The annual report of the society for the year ending September 30, 1915, to October 1, 1916, has not yet been published, and the figures you give misrepresent the facts, which are as follows:

"From September 30, 1915, to October 1, 1916, the society dealt with 7229 families. In 318 families there was known to be alcoholism. These figures, however, taken by themselves are entirely misleading, of the 7229 families, 1174 were widows, 215 were single women, fifty-six were unmarried mothers, 739 were deserted wives, and sixty-nine were women separated from their husbands. In other words, 2254 of the 7229 represent households in which women alone were, for the time being, the heads of the family."

"It is a well known fact that alcoholism is many times more frequent among men than among women. Therefore, statistics of any group in which the number of women greatly preponderates over the number of men must inevitably be deceptive."

"In addition to this work with needy families, the Society for Organizing Charity maintains a Way Street Home, from September 29, 1915, to October 1, 1916, this lodge sheltered 4250 homeless men and boys. The superintendent of the lodge states that fully 75 per cent of the stream of men who pass through this lodge are down and out because of drink."

"We trust that in the light of this more accurate interpretation of the figures you will discontinue the publication of the advertisement to which we refer. In justice to our own reputation for accuracy, we are sending copies of this letter to the Pittsburgh Sun, to the leading dailies in Philadelphia, and to the Philadelphia branch of the Anti-Saloon League."

"Very truly yours, THEODORE J. LEWIS, Vice-President of the Society for Organizing Charity."

LOOT WORTH THOUSANDS TAKEN IN SINGLE NIGHT

Silks and Cloth, Jewelry, Paint and Automobiles Lost, Say Police Reports

Thefts of jewelry, silks and other goods to the value of several thousands were reported to the police at Central Station today.

Thieves entered the plant of the London Manufacturing Company and stole silks and cloth valued at \$20,000. The thieves made a haul of robbers who have been operating the last month among the wholesale houses. Thieves entered the home of Richard Ashcroft, 124 West 12th street, last night and got away with jewelry said to be worth \$1000. More than \$200 worth of paint was stolen from the paint shop of T. F. Kelly, 1319 Second street.

Automobiles were reported stolen as follows: John Fegol, 1829 Butler street, machine taken from Twentieth street and Montgomery avenue and abandoned in West Philadelphia.

Walter Wright, 2215 North Broad street, automobile stolen from opposite home. W. F. Mathews, of Swarthmore, Pa., machine stolen from Fifty-second and Locust streets.

BOY SCOUTS HOLD MEETS IN SUBURBS

Field Day is Celebrated in Five Sections of the City

Boy Scouts of five districts throughout Philadelphia held field meets this afternoon. All but one were in city parks and clubs. Troops from the northern Philadelphia district had their outing at Gloucester, N. J. The North central district troops met on the grounds of the Philadelphia Country Club, the West Philadelphia district at the Philadelphia Golf and Country Club, and the northern district organizations at Camp Lafayette, Ridge road below Barron Hill.

Northeast district scouts had their field meet at River and Moro streets in a park there, after a short parade, starting from Torresdale avenue and Cottman streets. The northeast troops' meeting was the most elaborate, consisting of athletic events, camp fire and games in the evening by scout executives.

All the camps of troops went through drill, tent pitching, water rolling, dressing in a hurry, bandaging signaling and pyrotechnic drills in the afternoon sports. Most of the troops remained at their camps for supper.

ADVERTISE JERSEY BANKERS TO CONSERVE RESOURCES. John D. Everitt, President, Would Halt All Unnecessary Expenditures During War

ATLANTIC CITY, May 12.—John D. Everitt, of Orange in his annual address as president before the New Jersey Bankers' Association today urged the financiers of the State to exert their influence against expenditures by municipalities for all purposes not absolutely necessary. He called for a restriction against waste along all lines. Bankers, he said, should be responsive and helpful to the man who needs help and is deserving of sympathy.

"Don't let the other fellow think you are a fish as I guess a lot of them do," he warned.

In resolutions offered by Uzal H. McCarter, of Newark, the State association pledged itself to subscribe liberally to the Liberty Loan and to do everything possible to procure an early response by the people. The association urged all trust companies in the State to deposit gold now held by them as reserve in Federal reserve banks.

WEEK'S MORTALITY REPORT

Number of Deaths 597, Slightly Less Than Preceding Week's

Deaths throughout the city during the week numbered 597 as compared with 611 last week and 532 during the corresponding week last year. They were divided as follows: Males, 256; females, 341; boys, 64, and girls, 69.

The causes of death were: Typhoid fever, 1; Measles, 1; Diphtheria and croup, 1; Epidemic disease, 1; Tuberculosis meningitis, 1; Other forms of tuberculosis, 1; Simple meningitis, 1; Hemiplegia, 1; Organic disease of the heart, 1; Acute rheumatism, 1; Phrenic bronchitis, 1; Bronchopneumonia, 1; Disease of the respiratory system, 1; Hemiplegia, 1; Diabetes, 1; Appendicitis, 1; Hernia, 1; Acute nephritis and Bright's disease, 1; Pancreatic abscess, 1; Other purpural accidents, 1; Unexplained deaths, 1; Senility, 1; Other violent deaths, 1; Other diseases, 1; Person's cause pending, 1.

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Our riding breeches are unequalled in the city.

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1000 DELEGATES TO OPEN SALVATION ARMY RALLY

250 Meetings Scheduled During Six Days of Convention in Philadelphia

The thirty-seventh annual congress of the Salvation Army opened in Philadelphia this afternoon with a parade beginning the six-day session. This is the first Salvation Army convention ever held here, and the first ever held anywhere outside of New York city.

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BREAK GROUND FOR FREE LIBRARY ON PARKWAY

Impressive Ceremonies Scheduled for Beginning of City Structure

Impressive exercises with addresses by city officials marked the breaking of ground at noon today for the new free public library on the Parkway at Nineteenth and Vine streets. The site is the lot on which stood the "Billy" Sunday tabernacle.

Mayor Smith turned the first spadeful of earth and delivered an address. Addresses were delivered by Henry R. Edmunds, president of the board of trustees of the free library; Clinton Rogers Woodruff, chairman of the building committee, and James E. Lennox, president of Select Council. Two grand stands have been erected for speakers and invited guests. He paid a tribute to the late Dr. William Pepper, whose "conception of the free library system, with its central library as a crown," was fundamental in planning for the new building, he said.

It is planned to have the work start this month on the excavation for the building, under a contract with the George A. Fuller Company, awarded April 2, for \$2,171,000. The new building will be 240 by 216 feet and 100 feet high, with limestone facing and granite trimmings. The main reading room is to be 52 by 224 feet. The building will house 1,500,000 volumes.

Patriotic Program at Philemon Club

A spirit of patriotism will pervade the performance given tonight by the Philemon Dramatic Art Club at its headquarters, 4010 Chestnut street. In addition to interesting tableaux depicting the world's history and progress, a number of patriotic readings will be given by well-known members of the organization. The readings will be interspersed by timely musical selections. The entertainment will be followed by a dance.

Runaway Team Kills Ploverman

JANCASTLE, Pa., May 12.—While James Brown, a farmer, of Bart township, was drilling in oats last evening his team became frightened and ran away. In attempting to stop them he fell, the drill passing over him, so terribly mangling him that he died during the night.

Your Wife Will Save At Least A Dollar

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